

What is claimed is:

1. A method for coding transform coefficients in picture and/or video coders and decoders

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wherein

for blocks of (video) pictures containing significant transform coefficients, the coding of transform coefficients takes place in such a way that, for each block,

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- in a scan process, the positions of significant transform coefficients in the block and subsequently,

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- in a reverse scan order - starting with the last significant transform coefficients within the block - the values (levels) of the significant transform coefficients

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are determined and coded.

2. The method according to claim 1,

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wherein

each significant transform coefficient of the block other than the last transform coefficient of the block is characterized by a one-bit symbol.

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3. The method according to claim 1,

wherein

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for each significant transform coefficient, the sign is indicated by a one-bit symbol (SIGN) and the magnitude is indicated by a binary-coded symbol (ABS).

4. The method according to claim 1,

wherein

5 the magnitude is indicated by a symbol (ABS) in unary  
binarization or by a symbol (ABS) having a prefix part  
and a suffix part, wherein the prefix part consists of  
ones and the suffix part is coded in a 0th order exp-  
golomb code.

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5. The method according to claim 1,

wherein

15 blocks containing significant transform coefficients  
are characterized by a one-bit symbol CBP4 in  
connection with further syntax elements, such as, for  
example, CBP or macro block mode.

20 6. The method according to claim 1,

wherein

25 by transferring a one-bit symbol (SIG) for each  
coefficient of a block and a one-bit symbol (LAST) for  
each significant coefficient of a block, a  
significance mapping is coded, wherein the transfer  
takes place in a scan order, (SIG) serves for  
identifying significant coefficients and (LAST)  
30 indicates whether there are further significant  
transform coefficients in the block.

7. The method according to claim 6,

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- for the one-bit symbol CBP4,
- for coding the significance mapping and/or
- for coding the coefficient magnitudes

5 takes place in a context-dependent way.

8. The method according to claim 6,

wherein

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no significance information (SIG, LAST) is transferred  
for the last scan position of a block.

9. The method according to claim 1,

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wherein

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block types of transform coefficients having  
comparable statistics are summarized to block  
categories.

10. An arrangement having at least one processor and/or  
chip formed such that a method for coding transform  
coefficients in picture and/or video coders and  
25 decoders can be performed, wherein

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- 5        11. A computer program enabling a computer, after having  
been loaded into the memory of the computer, to  
perform a method for coding transform coefficients in  
picture and/or video coders and decoders, wherein
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transform coefficients, the coding of transform  
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- 25        12. A computer-readable storage medium on which a program  
is stored, enabling a computer, after having been  
loaded into the memory of the computer, to perform a  
method for coding transform coefficients in picture  
and/or video coders and decoders, wherein
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- 10 13. A method wherein a computer program according to claim 11 is downloaded from an electronic data network, such as, for example, the Internet, to data processing means connected to the data network.